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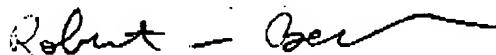
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Plate link chain having inner and outer plate members comprised of individual plates—

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